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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The seventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change was held at New York from 15 to 20 March 1993. The meeting was convened in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of General Assembly resolution 47/195 of 22 December 1992 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind".

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening of the session

2. The session of the Committee was opened by the Chairman, Mr. Jean Ripert (France). In welcoming the participants, the Chairman recalled that the main purpose of the session was to discuss the financial mechanism for the Convention in accordance with the decision contained in paragraph 53 of the report of the Committee on its sixth session (A/AC.237/24). He drew attention to the need to elect a new Chairman and to replace several members of the Bureaux of the Committee, who, for a variety of reasons, had relinquished their posts.

3. The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, Mr. Nitin Desai, addressed the session. He paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman for his leadership in the negotiations, which had resulted in the adoption of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Convention was more than an environmental convention. Indeed, it addressed a global environmental problem, but the responses to the problem cut across many aspects of development and economic activity. The Convention was therefore the first ever convention on sustainable development. He assured the Committee of his full support and the support of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, for which he was responsible, in the follow-up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and in the functioning of the newly established Commission for Sustainable Development. Every effort would be made to ensure that the interim secretariat for the Convention would preserve its identity within his Department and would receive appropriate strengthening to carry out its functions, as called for in General Assembly resolution 47/195. He wished the Committee every success in its work.

4. Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, newly appointed Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), addressed the Committee at its 4th meeting, on 16 March. She congratulated the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau on their election and made special mention of the unique role played by the outgoing Chairman throughout the negotiations. The main purpose of her statement was to reiterate and reinforce the commitment she had made at the sixth session of the Committee that UNEP would be fully supportive of the needs of the Convention. UNEP, and indeed also the World Meteorological Organization, had received mandates from the General Assembly, their own governing bodies and the Convention itself, and both were uniquely equipped to pursue those mandates. UNEP was already deeply involved in joint activities with other organizations, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

(OECD), in developing methodologies for inventories of greenhouse gas emissions and sinks, as well as for impact assessments, and was conducting country studies in several countries. Those activities would be pursued vigorously, as would others which might be developed to assist the Committee and the implementation of the Convention. Specific projects which could be developed jointly with the interim secretariat included the setting up of a clearing house. She noted that those matters would be discussed under the Committee's agenda, and again pledged the full cooperation of UNEP. UNEP also planned to resume secondment of staff to support the secretariat in its work. She wished the Committee every success in its deliberations.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 15 March, the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Group of 77) and the United States of America made statements.

B. Election of officers

6. Following extensive informal consultations, the Committee, at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 16 March, elected the following officers to fill vacancies in the Bureaux of the Committee and of the two Working Groups:

Chairman:	Mr. Raúl Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina)
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf (Algeria) Mr. Maciej Sadowski (Poland) Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan (India) Ms. Penelope Wensley (Australia)
Rapporteur:	Mr. Maciej Sadowski (Poland)

Working Group I

Co-Chairmen:	Mr. Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania) Ms. Cornelia Quennet (Germany)
Vice-Chairman: (in charge of consultations)	Mr. Edmundo de Alba Alcaraz (Mexico)

Working Group II

Co-Chairmen:	Mr. Nobutoshi Akao (Japan) Mr. Robert F. Van Lierop (Vanuatu)
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. Tibor Faragó (Hungary)

7. The newly elected Chairman, Mr. Raúl Estrada-Oyuela (Argentina), paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman. Mr. Ripert had worked tirelessly to achieve success in the negotiations for the Convention. He had more than fulfilled his responsibilities to the international community and was a credit to his country, France, which had shown its appreciation in elevating him to the rank of Commander of the Legion of Honour. Mr. Estrada thanked the other outgoing members of the Bureau for their contribution to the work of the Committee. He

also thanked Messrs. Nobutoshi Akao (Japan) and Edmundo de Alba Alcaraz (Mexico) for their outstanding cooperation in facilitating the election of officers. He thanked the Committee for electing him to this highly responsible position and pledged his best efforts to conduct the work of the Committee effectively and efficiently.

8. Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Barbados, the Czech Republic, Ireland and Nigeria, on behalf of their respective regional groups. The representative of Vanuatu made a statement on behalf of the Association of Small Island States. Statements were also made by the representatives of Latvia and the Russian Federation.

9. The Executive Secretary expressed special thanks to the outgoing Chairman. It had been a rare privilege to work with Mr. Ripert, who had provided the secretariat with every guidance, help and support. The secretariat would continue to make every effort to further the work of the Committee and its Bureau.

C. Adoption of the agenda

10. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 15 March 1993, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Organizational matters:

   (a) Election of officers;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda;

   (c) Organization of work.

2. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties:

   (a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paras. 1-4;

   (b) Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support.

3. Procedural, institutional and legal matters: rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties.

4. Status of signature and ratification of the Convention.

5. Future sessions of the Committee: calendar and priorities.

6. Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session.

11. The Committee decided to consider under agenda item 5 the letter dated 1 March 1993 from the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to the Chairman of the Committee (A/AC.237/29, annex).

D. Organization of work

12. At its 1st meeting, on 15 March, the Committee approved the organization of its work as contained in document A/AC.237/25.

E. Attendance

13. The seventh session was attended by representatives of the following States:

[to be inserted]

14. The following United Nations offices and programmes were represented:

[to be inserted]

15. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented:

[to be inserted]

16. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

[to be inserted]

17. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented:

[to be inserted]

18. The following other non-governmental organizations were also represented:

[to be inserted]

19. The following organization was represented by an observer:

[to be inserted]

F. Documentation

20. The documents before the Committee at its seventh session are listed in the annex to the present report.

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V. STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION

1. At its 1st meeting, on 15 March, the Committee noted that there were currently 160 signatories to the Convention and that ratifications, acceptances, approvals or accessions had been deposited by 15 States. A sixteenth ratification had been received.

2. The Committee took note of the information provided by the interim secretariat on the rectification of the text of the Convention.

3. The Committee expressed its appreciation to those States that had ratified the Convention and urged other signatories to do the same as soon as possible so that the Convention might enter into force. It invited those signatories to inform the interim secretariat of the expected timing of their ratification, and requested the secretariat to submit that information to the Committee at its eighth session.

VII. REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERIM SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING REVIEW OF EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

4. At the 5th meeting, on 17 March, the Executive Secretary introduced the note by the Executive Secretary containing a review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including a review of extrabudgetary funds (A/AC.237/28).

Current activities of the interim secretariat

5. It was decided that the matter of clearing-house activities would be taken up by Working Group II under agenda item 2 (b).

6. The Executive Secretary provided information to the Committee on the information and training programme being developed by the interim secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); on cooperation with the Information Unit on Climate Change of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); on the development of data-processing capacities for the interim secretariat; and on the secretariat's plans to convene a meeting of entities of the United Nations system before the eighth session of the Committee.

(a) Information and training programme (A/AC.237/28, sect. I.B)

7. The Committee expressed appreciation to all partners involved with the interim secretariat in the elaboration, development and financing of the project for the pilot phase of the information and training programme. It looked forward to receiving information at its eighth session on the implementation of the project.

(b) Cooperation with the UNEP Information Unit on Climate Change (A/AC.237/28, sect. II.C)

8. The Committee welcomed the collaboration between the interim secretariat and the UNEP Information Unit on Climate Change in several areas, including the production of a climate change newsletter, the first issue of which was expected in the second quarter of 1993.

(c) Development of data-processing capacities (A/AC.237/28, sect. II.D)

9. The Committee expressed appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for its generous contribution to the development of data-processing capacities for the interim secretariat.

(d) Information on relevant activities of the United Nations system (A/AC.237/28, sect. II.E)

10. The Committee noted that the interim secretariat would convene a meeting of entities of the United Nations system having activities related to the Convention and report to the Committee at its eighth session on activities relating to climate change in the United Nations system as a whole, and on the coordination of efforts in this field.

Administrative and budgetary matters

11. The Executive Secretary said that once the current restructuring exercise had been approved by the General Assembly, the interim secretariat would become part of the Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development. That would have positive benefits, as had been indicated in the statement made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development. Regarding the allocation of staff resources, he assumed that the present level of staffing would be maintained. He pointed out, however, that it was not yet clear whether the interim secretariat would be strengthened, as had been requested in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 47/195. He indicated that the new phase of work in the Committee would require new skills and make new demands.

12. Several representatives referred to the positive commitment to strengthening the interim secretariat made by the Under-Secretary-General in his statement to the Committee. They emphasized that the interim secretariat should have sufficient resources to carry out its functions up to the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It was agreed that delegations to the Committee would keep their respective delegations to other bodies of the United Nations informed of the need to strengthen the interim secretariat.

13. The Committee noted with appreciation the positive statement delivered by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development at the 1st meeting, on 15 March, and his assurances with regard to the future of the interim secretariat and its resources.

14. The Committee welcomed the offer of staff support from the Executive Director of UNEP in her statement before the Committee at its 2nd meeting, also on 15 March.

15. The Committee noted that its work at the present session had been supported by substantive documentation prepared by its secretariat. It would expect similar support on all aspects of its work at future sessions. It further noted that the scope of its evolving work programme in preparation for the first session of the Conference of the Parties (see A/AC.237/24, sect. V) would call for new types of expertise within the secretariat.

16. Consequently, the Committee emphasized that the interim secretariat should be strengthened, in accordance with paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 47/195, so that the secretariat would be able to carry out additional responsibilities in support of the Committee's work in the following areas:

Communication and review of information under the Convention;

Implementation of article 11 and article 21, paragraph 3, of the Convention, related to the financial mechanism;

Promotion of capacity-building in accordance with the Convention and General Assembly resolution 47/195.

17. The Committee invited the Executive Secretary to draw to the attention of the Secretary-General the need to identify and obtain additional staff resources for work in those areas in the period up to and including the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

Extrabudgetary funds

18. The Executive Secretary said that 114 countries were eligible for funding from the special voluntary fund for financing participation in the Committee's sessions. Of those countries, ____ had benefited from support for their participation in the seventh session. The commitments from that fund would amount to an estimated US$ 3 million up to and including the seventh session. He informed the Committee that the projected cost of funding participation in the eighth session was US$ 600,000. He expressed the hope that funding for such participation would be forthcoming.

19. With regard to the trust fund for the negotiating process that was used to defray secretariat expenses, the Executive Secretary indicated that US$ 1 million had been received through that fund. He expressed thanks to contributors for their support.

Review of extrabudgetary funds

20. The Committee expressed appreciation to those countries that had provided contributions to the trust fund for the negotiating process and to the special voluntary fund for the participation of developing countries in the sessions of the Committee, as well as to those that provide bilateral funding for staff positions in the interim secretariat. It expressed the hope that sufficient contributions would be forthcoming for the special voluntary fund to maintain effective participation at the eighth session of the Committee and beyond.

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VI. FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE: CALENDAR AND PRIORITIES

1. The Committee discussed matters relating to this item at the 5th to 7th plenary meetings, from 17 to 19 March 1993.

Calendar

2. The Committee recalled the scheduling of its eighth session, from 16 to 27 August 1993 at Geneva, and requested the secretariat to make arrangements for two sessions in 1994 and one in 1995, with tentative dates and places as follows:

7-18 February 1994, Geneva
22-31 August 1994, Geneva
Two weeks in February 1995, New York

3. The Committee noted that its schedule for 1994 and 1995 would need to be approved by the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences. It further noted that its schedule beyond 1993 would need to be reviewed in the light of progress made towards the entry into force of the Convention and the consequential scheduling of the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

4. The Committee noted with appreciation that the Government of Germany was making plans to act as host for the first session of the Conference of the Parties, tentatively scheduled to be held in early 1995.

Priorities

5. On the recommendation of the officers of Working Group I, the Committee decided that, at its eighth session, Working Group I should start consideration of matters relating to the following tasks defined at its sixth session (see A/AC.237/24 and Corr.1, paras. 43 to 46 and annex I).

Task A.1. Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases

Review of information from IPCC on the progress of relevant work; consideration of issues to be addressed by the Committee and the Conference of the Parties.

Task A.2. Criteria for joint implementation

Review of available information and decisions on further work.

Task A.3. First review of the information communicated by each Party included in annex I of the Convention

Consideration of:

(a) Formats and contents of communications;

(b) Methodologies for evaluating the effectiveness of measures;

(c) Compilation and synthesis of information in communications for purposes of aggregation, assessment of overall effects and report on implementation.

6. In dealing with each of these matters, Working Group I would consider, as appropriate, the role of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention.

7. Also during the eighth session, Working Group II should continue consideration of the items before it at the seventh session.

8. The Committee requested the Executive Secretary to draw up the provisional agenda for its eighth session, taking account of these conclusions, in consultation with the Chairman and the Bureau. It also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare adequate documentation for its work at the session.

Scientific and technical advice from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

9. The Committee had before it the letter from the Chairman of IPCC to the Chairman of the Committee (A/AC.237/29, annex) and of the reply of the Chairman of the Committee to the Chairman of IPCC (A/AC.237/30, annex). Statements were made by two delegations.

10. The Committee took note of this exchange of letters, noting further that the matters raised therein could be considered by Working Group I during the eighth session.

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1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 15 March 1993, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in accordance with its decision 1/1 (A/AC.237/6, annex II), allocated agenda item 2 (Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties) to Working Group II.

2. At its 1st meeting, on 16 March, Working Group II, bearing in mind rule 46 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, maintained the decision taken at its second session (A/AC.237/9, para. 36) that its meetings would be open unless it decided otherwise. Subsequently, Working Group II held __ open meetings from 15 to __ March 1993.

A. Implementation of article 11 (Financial mechanism), paragraphs 1-4

3. Working Group II considered sub-item 2 (a) (Implementation of article 11 (Financial mechanism), paras. 1-4) at its 1st to __ meetings, on 15 to __ March. It had before it the following documentation:

(a) Note by the secretariat on the implementation of article 11 (Financial mechanism) (A/AC.237/26);

(b) Note by the secretariat on selected background documentation relating to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (A/AC.237/26/Add.1);

(c) Note by the secretariat on further information on the work of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (A/AC.237/26/Add.2).

4. At the 1st meeting, on 16 March, the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee made an introductory statement.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 16 March, a statement was made by the Administrator of the Global Environment Facility.

6. Statements were made by the representatives of ___ States, including one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

B. Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support

7. Working Group II considered sub-item 2 (b) (Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support) at its 4th meeting, on 17 March.

8. For its consideration of the sub-item, the Working Group had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on the review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including the review of extrabudgetary funds (A/AC.237/28, sect. I.A).

9. Statements were made by the representatives of 12 States, including one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

C. Conclusions

10. On the recommendation of Working Group II, the Committee agreed upon the following conclusions:

Financial mechanism

(a) In the framework of the preparation of the first session of the Conference of the Parties, where the issue of the financial mechanism will be decided and in the perspective of the forthcoming sessions of the Participants' Assembly of GEF, the Committee, in accordance with its decision taken during its sixth session, undertook a first discussion at this session on matters relating to the implementation of article 11 under the Convention as well as to the interim arrangements provided under article 21, paragraph 3. The discussion took place in the light of the information and analysis provided by the secretariat (A/AC.237/26 and Add.1-2). In this context the Administrator of the GEF made a presentation to the Committee;

(b) The Committee decided to focus its work on this item on matters related to the functional linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism, under the terms of article 11 of the Convention;

(c) In deciding on this priority, the Committee took note of the timetable of activities aimed at the restructuring and the replenishment of the GEF by the end of 1993. It resolved to contribute to both these processes in a constructive and timely manner, in accordance with its mandate and with the aim that the GEF satisfy the requirements of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

(i) Policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria

(d) The Committee considered the provision of guidance to the financial mechanism on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 1, of the Convention;

(e) It recalled that the financial mechanism should function under the guidance of and be accountable to the Conference of the Parties which should decide on its policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria related to the Convention. It further concluded that articles 4, 5 and 6 would be the basis from which priorities would be drawn;

(f) It requested the Bureau of Working Group II to submit proposals on these subjects to it at its eighth session, taking account of views expressed at its current session and others that might be submitted to the secretariat;

(g) In this connection, the Committee underlined the importance of agreement on approaches to the determination of "agreed full incremental costs" as specified in article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention. The Committee requested the Executive Secretary to work on these approaches and to inform it at its eighth session of the progress achieved in this regard;

(ii) Governance and accountability

(h) The Committee further considered matters relating to the governance of the financial mechanism and to its accountability to the Conference of the Parties in accordance with article 11, paragraphs 1 to 3, and article 21, paragraph 3 of the Convention;

(i) The Committee recalled that in accordance with article 11.1 the Convention requires that the financial mechanism shall be equitable and balanced in its representation of all parties within a transparent system of governance;

(j) Reports from the operating entity to the Conference of the Parties should include specific information on how it has applied the guidance and decisions of the Conference of the Parties in its work related to the Convention;

(k) The Chairman of the Committee, and subsequently the Chairman of the Conference of the Parties, should be represented at meetings of the GEF Participants Assembly. It was also felt that the Chairman of the GEF Participants Assembly should establish a regular and more formal representation at INC sessions.

(iii) Linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

(l) Having reviewed the need for arrangements under article 11, paragraph 3 to be agreed between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism, the Committee requested the Bureau with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, to prepare a report in for consideration at its eighth session on modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the COP and the GEF as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, taking into account the views expressed by delegations and others;

(iv) Amount of funding

(m) With respect to the determination of the amount of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention, the Committee considered that it would be important, as a first step, for the ongoing

replenishment of the GEF for the period 1994-1996 to take full account of funding needs related to the Convention. These needs arise in connection with the obligations of developing country Parties to communicate information under article 12, paragraphs 1 and 5, of the Convention, from the need of developing and other countries for support in their preparations for the implementation of commitments under the Convention and from the wide range of opportunities for developing countries to undertake projects in the 1994-1996 period that are consistent with those commitments;

(n) In this context, the Committee requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to prepare a preliminary list of elements relevant to the assessment of the needs for funding from the GEF for activities related to the Convention in the three years 1994-1996 for consideration at its next session;

(v) Future work

(o) The Committee resolved to give priority at its eighth session to the consideration by Working Group II of the implementation of article 11 (Financial Mechanism) and to the adoption of such decisions as might be necessary in the context of the Committee's mandate on guidance to the GEF concerning its policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria related to the Convention, including the determination of "agreed full incremental costs";

(p) The Committee requested its Chairman to convey the above conclusions to the forthcoming meeting of the Participants in the GEF at Beijing, China (26-28 May 1993);

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(q) The Committee considered the response of the Executive Secretary (document A/AC.237/28, sect. I.A) to its request on this subject at its sixth session (document A/AC.237/24, para. 51). It noted that the Executive Secretary proposed to explore the feasibility of a joint project with UNEP to establish and operate an information exchange system that would be a first step in support of article 12, paragraph 7, of the Convention. The main objective of this system would be to facilitate and coordinate external support, on request, for activities in developing and other countries related to the Convention. It welcomed the statement by the Executive Director of UNEP confirming its willingness to collaborate in such a joint project under the auspices of the interim secretariat;

(r) The Committee requested the Executive Secretary, in conjunction with UNEP, to proceed with the elaboration of the proposed joint project, taking account of the views expressed by delegations in the discussion of this item, and to seek extrabudgetary funding for the project, possibly through the GEF. It further requested the Executive Secretary to report on progress to the Committee at its eighth session.

IV. PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

A. Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties

11. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 15 March 1993, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee also allocated item 3 (Procedural, institutional and legal matters) to Working Group II.

12. Working Group II considered sub-item 3 (a) (Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties) at its 4th and 5th meetings, on 17 and 18 March.

13. For its consideration of the sub-item, the Working Group had before it a note by the secretariat on the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (A/AC.237/27).

14. At the 4th meeting, on 17 March, the Executive Secretary made an introductory statement. At the same meeting, the Legal Adviser of the interim secretariat made a statement in explanation of document A/AC.237/27.

15. Statements were made by the representatives of 10 States, including one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

16. At the 5th meeting, on 18 March, on the proposal of the Co-Chairman, speaking on behalf of the Bureau, Working Group II decided to defer further discussion of the sub-item until the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee.

17. At the 6th and 7th meetings, on 18 and 19 March, the Working Group was informed by the Co-Chairman that statements had been made in plenary session on behalf of non-governmental organizations, with regard to, inter alia, the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties.

B. Conclusion

18. On the recommendation of Working Group II, the Committee agreed upon the following conclusion:

Having considered the draft rules of procedure for the COP submitted by the interim secretariat in document A/AC.237/27, the Committee requested the secretariat to submit to its eighth session a revision of these draft rules, taking account of comments by delegations as well as those that might be received from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. Further consideration of this item was deferred to the eighth session.

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Group of 77 and China: draft decision

Recommendations of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change to the Global Environment Facility

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change decides:

(a) That in accordance with article 11 and article 21.3 of the Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) shall be appropriately restructured and its membership made universal, and as an interim operating entity under the Convention, the GEF shall base its work on the policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria determined by the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the Climate Change Convention;

(b) That in those aspects of its work which relate to climate change, the GEF, as the interim operating entity of FCCC, shall finance the activities specified in articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Convention bearing in mind, in particular, the provisions of article 4.3;

(c) That in line with article 11.3 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties will, after each one of its sessions, communicate to the GEF/Participants Assembly (PA) the relevant guidance and decisions for implementation and action by GEF/PA, which shall, accordingly, adapt its work in the field of climatic change;

(d) That the GEF/PA shall submit regular reports to the COP on its activities in the field of climate change and in particular on the implementation of the guidance and decisions communicated by the COP;

(e) That a special window of GEF dedicated to the Framework Convention on Climate Change from GEF shall be from a distinct and identifiable fund within GEF in order to ensure adherence to article 11.